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I. Relations with and Support to Other Components:

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2. Members of D/I branches met with representatives of the Eastern European Satellites Branch of FDD for an informal discussion of D/I translation requirements in light of current and future research. This briefing was followed by individual D/I branch visits to FDD.

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3. I/EE briefed [redacted] on the status of Soviet computer production, in connection with his assignment as the Agency intelligence representative to the Comparative Evaluations Group studying Soviet computer technology. This was an initial briefing to provide [redacted] basic information on Soviet computer plants and general levels of output. [redacted] indicated that at a later date he will probably request some written support for a more detailed statement he will prepare.

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4. Arrangements were completed for a briefing of the AD/RR and several of his staff by the ELINT Staff of OSI. This briefing is intended to provide ORR with a better understanding [redacted]

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6. A special memorandum was prepared for the DCI outlining the meaning and significance of "mobility" as it pertains to guided missile systems.

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9. I/GM is continuing to investigate methods of machine handling of data which might prove useful in support of several research projects now underway. Discussions have been held with CCR on certain of these. [redacted]

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25X1A9A [redacted] met with representatives of OSI and NSA to discuss a proposed pilot study which would involve machining certain data possibly common to both the guided missiles and AE fields. OSI is preparing a staff study of this program and will coordinate it with ORR.

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B. USIB Committees:

10. I/EE participated in preparation for three US/USSR exchanges during March. The team which departed for the USSR on the Electronics Production Techniques Exchange was briefed for one full day in Washington. Intra-agency coordination is taking place on two additional exchanges; one on electronic computer production and one on radio amateurs. The computer exchange planning is almost complete. The Soviet teams will begin their trip on 20 April, 1959. The return US visit will begin about mid-May 1959. Two important Soviet computer plants are scheduled to be visited by the US team. Neither of these two plants has been previously visited by US personnel.

C. Other:

11. All branches of the Division participated in their branches' FY 1960 program review with Chief and Deputy Chief, ERA.

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14. Chief, D/I, briefed the NSC Planning Board on results
and methods of ORR military economic studies on the USSR.

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17. Support to the Commerce Department was rendered by members
of I/PE who provided information on Bloc metalworking equipment to the
COCOM metalworking task group at the Department and who discussed with
Commerce representatives the fact sheets on bearings and Bloc bearing
production.

18. I/PE prepared a bibliography on Soviet diesel engine
production for Mr. William Tarpin, Department of State

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19. The Proposed External Research Contract concerning the
Soviet B-200 SAM guidance and control system was reviewed by the EIC
Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications. All members
except Army voted favorably. The Army member of the Subcommittee
voted negatively, indicating that ACSI saw only slight value in
continuing to use US post information for analysis of Soviet production.
The chairman indicated that a primary goal of the contract was to have
the current knowledge of the Soviet system translated into detailed
production input terms which could then be costed in Soviet terms.

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As such, this contract was an attempt to reduce the use of direct US cost analog data. The results of the subcommittee review will be communicated to the EIC.

20. Chief, I/EE participated in a COCOM list review at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Representatives were present from State, Commerce, Defense, and CIA. The review included all the electronic items presently on International List 1, and a few recent technical developments were discussed to determine areas where this list should be expanded.

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II. Changes in Estimates:

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25. No significant changes in estimates are reported.

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IV. Problems:

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lack of cooperation involved in satisfying this requirement, it is concluded that unusually strong action by CIA at the highest levels will be necessary to obtain NSA's cooperation.

